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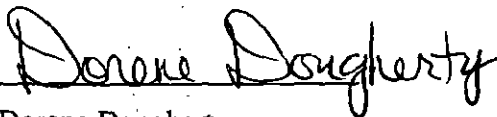
**Re: Dorene Dougherty v. Pennsylvania Electric Company**  
**Docket No. C-2018-3001474**

Dear Secretary Homsher:

Enclosed please find the Motion for Continuance of Complainant Dorene Dougherty with regard to the above-captioned matter. This document will be served on the Respondents as shown in the Certificate of Service.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

Dorene Dougherty,  
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**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**DORENE DOUGHERTY**

vs.

**PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY**

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**MOTION OF COMPLAINANT DORENE DOUGHERTY FOR  
CONTINUANCE OF HEARING**

TO THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:

Complainant Dorene Dougherty ("Complainant"), pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 1.15(b), respectfully submits this Motion for Continuance of the telephonic evidentiary hearing currently scheduled for March 31, 2026. In support thereof, Complainant avers as follows:

**I. BACKGROUND**

On or about April 24, 2018, Complainant filed a Formal Complaint with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") against Pennsylvania Electric Company ("Company"), stating that the installation of a smart meter is unsafe, unhealthy and life threatening.

On May 17, 2018, the Company filed its Answer and New Matter and also filed Preliminary Objections, arguing the Complaint failed to state a claim upon which relief could be granted under 52 Pa. Code § 5.101(a)(4).

On June 15, 2018, the Commission granted Complainant an extension to respond, and on August 2, 2018, Complainant filed responses.

Various prehearing conferences and procedural orders occurred between 2018 and 2025, during which several Administrative Law Judges were assigned, and multiple continuances were granted based on developments in related proceedings and reasonable accommodation requests.

By Order dated November 14, 2023, the Commission lifted the general stay of similar smart meter proceedings, allowing this case to proceed.

A telephonic evidentiary hearing in this matter is currently scheduled for March 31, 2026.

Since the scheduling of that hearing, a new development has occurred: Complainant has secured Dr. Cindy Russell as her expert witness to provide testimony regarding the potential health and safety impacts related to smart meter technology.

Dr. Russell is a recognized medical expert in environmental health issues and electromagnetic field (EMF) exposure and is presently finalizing her availability and report for use in this proceeding.

Due to this important development, Complainant requires a brief continuance of the scheduled hearing to allow sufficient time for coordination with Dr. Russell, submission of her expert materials, and proper notice to all parties.

Complainant has communicated her intent to proceed in good faith and with respect for the Commission's procedures but believes that a short postponement is necessary for the fair and complete presentation of her case.

## II. MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 1.15(b), continuances may be granted "for good cause shown."

Good cause exists in this instance because Complainant's case now includes expert medical testimony essential to the issues raised, and additional time is needed to accommodate her expert's schedule and allow for effective presentation of that evidence.

## III. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, Complainant Dorene Dougherty respectfully requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission grant this Motion for Continuance and reschedule the evidentiary hearing to a later date to accommodate the introduction of expert testimony by Dr. Cindy Russell.


Respectfully submitted,

I have not contacted the opposition regarding this matter.

VERIFICATION

I, Dorene Dougherty, verify and affirm that the statements in this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

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I hereby certify that I have served a true copy of the Request And Petition For Continuance For The Hearing via email and USPS To:

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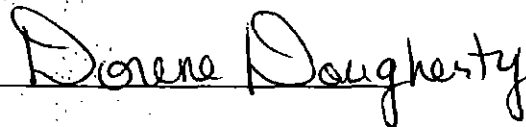
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